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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, claims 1-146 were rejected. In this Response Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application for the reasons discussed below.

Amendment to the Claims

Please cancel claims 49, 98 and 146 without prejudice. Please add claim 147. Please amend the claims as shown above. The amendments have been made for clarification and to expedite the application to allowance. Applicants reserve the right to pursue such claims in unamended form in a continuation application.

Rejection of Claims 99-146 Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 99-146 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 99 has been amended to clarify such claim and to expedite the application to allowance. It is believed that such claim defines a computer program product that produces a useful, concrete, and tangible result involving, for example, accessing data in the CIS through voice or digital signals received from the speech terminals through the mobile communications network. Thus, such claims are believed statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Removal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 1-3, 9-15, 17-22, 25-33, 36, 37, 39, 40, 46-49, 50-51, 58-64, 66-72, 74-83, 85-89, 91-93, 95-103, 106-112, 114-119, 122-130, 132-134, 136, 137, and 140-146 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 9-15, 17-22, 25-33, 36, 37, 39, 40, 46-49, 50-51, 58-64, 66-72, 74-83, 85-89, 91-93, 95-103, 106-112, 114-119, 122-130, 132-134, 136, 137, and 140-146 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0258231 ("Elsey"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

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Applicants have amended claim 1 for purposes of clarification. It is believed that Elsey fails to teach or suggest a mobile communication system including:

a communication server, the communication server including an interface to a telecommunications network for speech communication,

a corporate information system (CIS) coupled to the server through a network, the CIS including

storage for corporate information including emails, and servers including an email server;

logic that stores, in the CIS, a user profile with all user-related information for use with the communication server;

logic that caches the user-related information from the CIS on the communication server;

logic that performs administration on the user-related information only on the user related information stored on the CIS; and

a plurality of speech terminals coupled to the communications server through the telecommunications network, the speech terminals accessing data in the CIS through voice or other signals.

The Office Action indicates that Elsey teaches a mobile communication system, a corporate information system, a communications network and plurality of speech terminals. Applicants do not agree that Elsey applies to claim 1 as stated in the Office Action.

Elsey fails to teach or suggest the use of a corporate information server as claimed in claim 1. For example, claim 1 includes "logic that stores, in the CIS, a user profile with all user-related information for use with the communication server." Additionally, the CIS includes "storage for corporate information including emails, and servers including an email server." Elsey fails to teach such a configuration with a CIS. In contrast, Elsey discusses use of databases 20.

Additionally, claim 1 includes "logic that performs administration on the user-related information only on the user related information stored on the CIS." In contrast, Elsey indicates that "An information hub 10 includes one or more personalized information servers 28 which are accessible by the operators in the system and one or more databases 20 in which users' contacts, appointments and other folders and information are stored and maintained. Such folders and information may also be stored locally at one or more of the information/call centers. The folders

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and information at different centers are synchronized. Synchronized databases provide necessary backup as well as support to roaming mobile device users." See Elsey, paragraph 39.

The approach taken in the invention as claimed in the present application in claim 1 provides advantages not contemplated or suggested by Elsey. For example, by providing logic that performs administration on the user-related information only on the user related information stored on the CIS, in an embodiment of the invention, a user organization may elect to take advantage of efficiencies of performing administration of the CIS and of the user-related information for use with the communication server on the same system, namely, on the CIS. Such an approach is not contemplated by Elsey.

Thus, it is believed that Elsey fails to teach or suggest the invention of claim 1 and removal of the rejection of such claim is respectfully requested.

Claims 50 and 99 were rejected on the same basis as claim 1. Because it is believed that the rejection of claim 1 should be removed for the reasons stated above, it is believed that the rejection of such claims has been addressed and that such rejection should also be removed.

The dependent claims in the application, namely claims 2-49, 51-98, 100-147 depend from such claims that are believed patentable as discussed above. Further, it is believed that such claims recite unique combinations not taught or suggested by the references. Therefore, the rejection of such claims has also been overcome, and removal of the rejection of such claims is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 4-8, 16, 23, 24, 35, 38, 41, 42, 45, 53-57, 65, 72, 73, 84, 90, 94, 101-105, 113, 120, 121, 135, 138 and 139 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 4-8, 23, 24, 35, 41, 45, 53-57, 72, 73, 84, 90, 94, 101-105, 120, 121 and 138 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Elsey in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0143877 ("Hackbarth"). Claims 16, 38, 42, 65, 113, 131, 135, and 139 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Elsey-Hackbarth in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0064149 (Elliott). The reference Elsey was applied to such claims as applied to claim 1. Because Elsey does not apply to claim 1 as discussed above, it is believed that this

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rejection based on the same reasoning as the rejection of claim 1 has also been overcome. Such claims also depend from patentable claims 1, 50 or 99 as discussed above. Further, it is believed that such claims recite unique combinations not taught or suggested by the references. Removal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of such claims 4-8, 16, 23, 24, 35, 38, 41, 42, 45, 53-57, 65, 72, 73, 84, 90, 94, 101-105, 113, 120, 121, 135, 138 and 139 is therefore respectfully requested.

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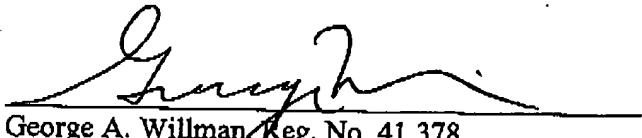
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 30519.701.201).

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